

Parental Checklist for Choosing a Catholic Elementary School

All data as of January 2019

<u>School Demographics</u>	St. Edward the Confessor	School #2	School #3
Coed or single sex?	Co-ed		
Number of students	417		
Faculty to student ratio	1:9		
Number of Grades with Some Service of Teacher Aides	6		
PreK1 Adult/Student Ratio	1:6		
PreK2 Adult/Student Ratio	1:7		
PreK3 Adult/Student Ratio	1:7		
Average class size in KN-3 rd grades	22		
Average class size in 4 th -7 th grades	22		
<u>Administration and Faculty</u>			
How much educational experience does the principal have?	40 years		
Number of faculty/staff who attended this school as students	10		
Number of faculty/staff whose own children or grandchildren attend/attended this school	27		
Average years of experience for faculty	20.34 years		
Financial condition of school (Excellent to marginal)	Excellent		
Number of faculty with advanced degrees	12		
Teacher turnover rate most recent year	3 (1 retired; 1 moved)		
Certified Guidance Counselor available?	YES		
Certified Librarian?	YES		
<u>Curriculum and Instruction</u>			
Device to student ratio	.91:1		
Percentage of classrooms with Smartboard or other projection devices	100%		
Number of classroom sets of wireless laptops, tablets, or minis	9		
Does school have closed circuit television network?	YES		
Does school have school-wide adopted textbook series?	YES		
Does school have sequential curriculum across grade levels and subjects?	YES		
Do students receive Art instruction in on-campus studio?	YES, K-7 th grades		

Do students receive music instruction?	YES		
Do students attend a dedicated Technology class?	YES		
Do students participate in an Accelerated Reader program?	YES		
Do students participate in an Accelerated Math program?	YES		
Do Pre-K3 through 7 th grade students take Spanish?	YES		
Are student standardized test scores above mean for region?	YES		
Are student standardized test scores above mean for archdiocese?	YES		
Are student standardized test scores above national mean?	YES		
Number of times school has been awarded Blue Ribbon Status	2		
Is school AdvancED/SACS-CASI accredited?	YES		
Percentage of graduating students who were applied for and were accepted into a Catholic/private/magnet high school last year	100%		
Students scoring proficiency above national average on a standardized subtest	90%+		
<u>Religious Emphasis</u>			
How often are masses attended by students?	weekly		
Do students attend liturgical events, including Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and special prayer services?	YES		
Religious sisters on staff?	3		
<u>Location</u>			
Convenient to major roadways?	YES		
Near to your home?			
<u>Campus and Facilities</u>			
General appearance			
Cleanliness of facilities			
Ease of parking and student drop-off and pick-up			
Is campus fenced and secure?	YES		
Federal breakfast program available?	YES		
Federal hot lunch program available?	YES		
Covered walkways?	YES		
Modern library with automated circulation?	YES		
Stage for student performances?	YES		
Before-school care available?	YES		
After-school care available?	YES		
Summer Academic program available?	YES		
Restricted entry and numerous security cameras?	YES		

<u>Admissions</u>			
Application date for new students	November 15, 2019		
Is admissions staff helpful?			
Quality of visit and tour			
<u>Financial</u>			
Registration fee	\$150		
Tuition (in parish) (2019-20rate)	\$5700		
Percentage of discount for second child	25%		
Percentage of discount for third child	50%		
Percentage of discount for fourth child and beyond	100%		
Financial aid offered?	YES—after 1 st year; must qualify		
Multi-child discounts extended to Pre-K?	YES		
Guaranteed tuition loan available?	YES		
Does tuition include yearbook?	YES		
Does tuition include fair T-shirt?	YES		
<u>Student and Family Life</u>			
Number of sports available	15		
Number of service clubs	4		
Metro League AND Catholic School Athletic League Sports?	YES		
Number of academic clubs	9		
Number of other activities	6		
School newspaper?	YES		
School yearbook, edited by students, using online editing & publishing	YES		
Chorale?	YES		
Active CYO?	YES		
Cheerleading squad?	YES		
Band program?	YES		
Does Band program have larger instruments for student use?	YES		
Cub Scouts?	YES		
Brownies?	YES		
Girl Scouts?	YES		
Daisies?	YES		
Men's Club?	YES		
Ladies' Club?	YES		
Grandparents' Club	YES		